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Adoption of resolutions and of the report of the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

Draft report

Organization of work of the Conference

A. Terms of reference

1. The Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas was held at Headquarters in New York, from 27 June to 1 July 2005, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2001/232 of 19 July 2001.

B. Opening of the Conference

2. The President of the Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas opened the Conference and made a statement. The Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made statements.

C. Attendance

3. [To be completed]

D. Election of the officers

4. At the 1st meeting, on 27 June, the Conference elected, by acclamation, Mario Reyes (Mexico) President of the Conference, and he made a statement.

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5. At the 1st plenary meeting, on 27 June, the Conference elected the following officers:

Vice-Presidents:
Luis Alegría (Chile)
Eduardo Nunes (Brazil)

Rapporteur:
Jane Cooper (Canada)

E. Organizational matters

1. Adoption of the rules of procedure

6. At the 1st meeting, on 27 June, the Conference adopted the provisional rules of procedure (E/CONF.96/2).

2. Adoption of the agenda

7. At the 1st meeting, on 27 June, the Conference adopted the provisional agenda (E/CONF.96/1). The agenda as adopted was as follows:

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President and other officers of the Conference.
3. Objectives of the Conference.
4. Organizational matters:
   (a) Consideration and adoption of the rules of procedure;
   (b) Adoption of the agenda;
   (c) Establishment of committees and election of Chairmen;
   (d) Organization of work;
   (e) Credentials of representatives to the Conference.
5. Country reports.
6. Reports on the implementation of resolutions adopted at the Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas.
7. Report of the Permanent Committee on Spatial Data Infrastructure for the Americas (PC-IDEA).
8. Reports on achievements in geographic information in addressing national, regional and global issues, including:
   (a) Strategy, policy, economic and institutional issues;
   (b) Spatial data infrastructures;
   (c) Geospatial data collection, management and dissemination;
   (d) Best practices and applications.
9. Adoption of resolutions and of the report of the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas.

10. Review of the achievements of the Conference.

11. Provisional agenda for the Ninth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas.

3. Organization of work

8. At the 1st meeting, on 27 June, the Conference approved its organization of work, as contained in an informal paper, in English only, which established three technical committees, and elected the officers as follows:

Committee I: Strategy policy, economic and institutional issues

Chairman: Carlos Laguna (Panama)

Committee II: Spatial data infrastructure and their development in the Americas

Chairman: Leslie Armstrong (United States)

Committee III: Geospatial data collection, management and dissemination

Chairman: Luiz Paulo Souto Fortes (Brazil)

4. Credentials of representatives to the Conference

9. At the 7th meeting, on 1 July 2005, the Secretariat informed the Conference that it had examined the credentials of participating delegations and found them to be in order.

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7. Invited papers on recent developments in geographic information in addressing national, regional and global issues, including:
   (a) Strategy, policy, economic and institutional issues;
   (b) Spatial data infrastructures;
   (c) Geospatial data collection, management and dissemination;
   (d) Best practices and applications.

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8. Reports of the technical committees of the Conference.

9. Review of the achievements of the Conference.

10. Provisional agenda for the Tenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas.

11. Adoption of the report of the Ninth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas.